

26 March 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications

SUBJECT: Objectives for 1957

REFERENCE: Your memo of 5 March 1957

1. In response to your suggestion, I have reviewed the planned projects stated in the Third Annual Report of the Advisory Committee. Item 3 d relates to USIA activity in providing information on the availability of published materials in foreign posts. During the 1956 trip of [REDACTED] and the undersigned, there was evidence of USIA activity to provide information in this field. Studies of the foreign press at certain posts were being prepared or reviewed with the idea of making them current. For example, recently a study was received from USIA, Hong Kong, describing the Communist Chinese press in Peking, another one was received on the number of books published in Mongolia during 1955 and 1956. These, and similar reports are disseminated to appropriate components interested in information on foreign publishing.

2. At the regular meeting of the Procurement Subcommittee on 19 March 1957, we reviewed our 1957 objectives and suggest that the following be considered the revised objectives for 1957:

- a. To prepare a paper incorporating specific examples of the contribution overt publications have made to intelligence research. This statement would serve in part as an evaluation to field collectors, indicating to them how some of their contributions have been used.
- b. To ensure that personnel engaged in interrogation work have adequate requirements for information on foreign publications.
- c. To establish a means and schedule for reporting by members concerning the scope of their procurement programs, including exchanges.
- d. To review the systems of reporting acquisitions by the member agencies and suggest improvements where needed.

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Chairman

Procurement Subcommittee